

**In the Specification**

Please substitute the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs being amended:

[0004] An improved insect swatter is disclosed in U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/331,851, filed 10/31/1994, ~~still pending~~ now U.S. Patent 6,851,218 issued 02/08/2005. That insect swatter utilizes a long rubber band attached to the distal end of a long gun barrel or rod that can be stretched to a trigger latch at the opposite end of the rod at a handgrip.

[0060] As shown in Figure 6, compared with Figure 2, the first band 36 includes the ~~distal~~ proximal end 18a of the combined lash 34, which forms the first loop disposed through the keyhole. The second band 38 includes the ~~proximal~~ distal end 18b of the combined lash 34, which forms the second loop positionable around the latch 20 for being retained thereby.

When the lash 34 is stretched to the cocking position, the knot 40 is positioned atop the rod 12 and is readily propelled forwardly with the two bands without obstruction by the rod itself.